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Colleen Petric works on a craft, making a peacock from a coffee filter, during a children's art activity at the Minden Hills branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on Jan. 2. The library hosted children's activities throughout the county last week.

Chad Ingram Staff

Whitby man sues Minden Hills

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A Whitby man with a vacation property in Irondale is suing the township of Minden Hills.

Jeff Hancock has launched a defamation suit against the municipality over an incident that allegedly took place in the fall of 2011.

According to Michael Semple, Hancock's Fraserville-based lawyer, in October of 2011, the township, through a registered letter, removed Hancock, his wife Donna and Tanya Madill from the Irondale Community Centre's advisory committee, banned them from the centre and "more or less accused Jeff Hancock of theft."

"A copy of the letter was sent to the local OPP detachment," Semple wrote in an email to the *Times*. "After retaining legal counsel, the township retracted the property ban, but has refused to retract or apologize for the other allegations."

Hancock has taken legal action against the township for defamation and to recover his legal costs.

His claim is for \$25,000.

"Jeff Hancock says this was never about money and could have been resolved without legal action if Minden Hills had simply admitted they had acted on inaccurate information and provided a written public apology," Semple wrote, adding that the Hancocks had been volunteers with the Irondale Community Centre for more than 10 years. "The impact of this has been very painful for Jeff and his family and the damage to his reputation may never be

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Township denies defamation allegation

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fully undone.”

The details of the claim suggest that when the new advisory committee for the community centre was formed in February of 2011, the plaintiffs made it clear they would only be able to attend weekend meetings and it was agreed that meetings would alternate between weekdays and weekends so that all members could attend.

However, according to the details of the claim, only one meeting took place on a weekend, the rest on weekday nights.

The members were allegedly dismissed for violating the terms of reference for the committee.

“However, these terms of reference were not introduced and adopted by the advisory committee until Sept. 29, 2011,” the details read. “Moreover, the terms of reference provided only that the member would be asked to step down, rather than being subject to summary dismissal, banning from the property and reference to the OPP.

“The letter went on to accuse the plaintiff of withholding the profits from the 2010 baseball tournament and of costing the advisory committee ‘lots of extra expenses’ related to an old photocopier that he dis-

posed of during a volunteer work weekend in 2011,” it reads.

The details of claim go on to mention the emotional toll the incident has apparently taken on the plaintiff.

“The actions of the municipality have caused the plaintiff and his family much anger, sadness, embarrassment and regret,” the document reads. “It has defamed his character by accusing him of stealing money and articles from the centre and has since led to lost friendships, arguments and community fallout. The level of community spirit and support for the centre has never been so low in Irondale because of the actions of Minden Hills.”

The *Times* obtained a copy of the township’s defence, drafted by Stephen Brogden of Kitchener-based firm Giffen Lawyers and disputing the claims against the township.

“The defendant states that the confidential letter was to inform the plaintiff that he had been removed from the Irondale Community Centre committee for various reasons,” the documents reads. “The defendant carbon copied the Haliburton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, for enforcement purposes, as the letter directed that the plaintiff not enter onto the Irondale Community Centre property. The



The actions of the municipality have caused the plaintiff ... much sadness, embarrassment and regret.

— Jeff Hancock’s legal claim

defendant later retracted the plaintiff’s ban from the Irondale Community Centre property, and informed the Haliburton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police of the same.”

The defence goes on to reinforce the letter sent to Hancock was intended to be confidential.

“The defendant states that the letter addressed to the plaintiff was confidential and denies publishing or providing the letter to the public and put the plaintiff to strict proof thereof,” it reads. “The defend-

ant states that if the public did become aware of the contents of the letter or if it was published, it was the plaintiff, himself, who published the letter. The defendant claims that the plaintiff has failed to provide evidence in the statement of claim of the element of publication, necessary for defamation, including claims in either slander or libel.”


The document reads that the defendant denies any alleged comments that amount to libel, slander and/or defamation of character and that “the defendant specifically denies any malicious or other improper motive or intent with respect to the letter written to the plaintiff and that the letter was the honest and bona fide belief of the truth of the facts stated and the correctness of the opinions reflected by the said writing.”

In an email, Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid told the *Times*, “as this matter is currently proceeding through the court system, we need to allow that process to take its course.”

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

A full-day trial on the matter is set for small claims court in Minden in July.

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 Auditions for theatre productions happening this month, off-stage roles also needed

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Read the information and if you are still interested, book your audition spot now. This could be the summer of your debut.

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Hawley can be reached at 705-457-1789 or joanhawley99@hotmail.com.

Either on stage or behind the scenes, we can pretty well guarantee you’ll have lots of fun and make a valuable contribution to the 2013 Highlands Summer Festival season.

See you on at the theatre.

Submitted

Health unit adds voice to concern over social assistance cuts

Jenn Watt
Editor

The local health unit has added its voice to a chorus of concern over changes to the province’s social assistance coverage.

The Liberal government capped benefits at \$10 per case, per month for items such as eyeglasses, hearing aids and baby equipment, causing those in poverty to fall even further behind, a public health nurse with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit said.

Previously, those on social assistance had no cap on health-related so-called “discretionary benefits,” which also includes dental care and subsidies for children’s recreation.

Following the cut, the province allowed local municipalities to make up the difference if they wished – potentially causing a discrepancy between municipalities depending on which ones chose to pay.

In Haliburton, county council origi-

nally decided not to fill that gap and then later was presented with adjusted figures and reversed their decision for the coming year.

The entire scenario is unstable, public health nurse Kristina Nairn said, and brought her case to the health unit board which voted in mid December to send a resolution to all provincial parties, local MPPs and other political bodies asking that the funding be returned.

“When you offload to the municipalities, that’s when the inequities start. One community, maybe they can do this right now, and one community can’t,” Nairn said.

The health board specifically pointed to four recommendations from a provincially commissioned review of the social assistance system called *Brighter Prospects* as being crucial to improving the system for local people.

They include maintaining services as they were and creating better measurements for how adequate social assistance payments are.

Poling making smoke signals with book

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

As the fog rolled in across St. Nora Lake I could hear from his sure and steady voice that this place where the road ends on the side of a rock face gives him the clarity to deliver important truths in the books he writes.

Jim Poling Sr., who had his byline attached to several notable national Indian affairs news stories during the past few decades, said education is the key to understanding the relationship between natives and government.

It is the motivation behind all of his books, including his most recent *Smoke Signals: The Native Takeback of North America's Tobacco Industry*. It highlights the most important aspects of the last 500 years related to tobacco in North America.

Fascinated by the long and complicated history of tobacco, Poling, who was a native affairs reporter for the Canadian Press for close to 30 years, takes readers from the beginnings of its ceremonial native uses, to its current role as “cash cow” to the government. Billions of dollars are at stake, Poling said, and the governments in the U.S. and Canada benefit as much if not more than the tobacco industry that produces cigarettes. They reap the profits when they should be assisting the severely addicted.

By this spring he will have written 10 books. Poling acknowledges there are no shortage of books about native affairs issues, but believes his recent 224-page release published by Dundurn Press provides clarity to a complex landscape and a storied rich history.

Originally from Thunder Bay, Port Arthur as he remembers it, the lifelong writer now spends considerable time in the Highlands a few minutes south of Dorset after more than three decades reporting, sometimes on government inaction on Parliament Hill.

“It always seemed to be so much talk. It was always talk, talk, talk,” he said. “In the meantime I used to go to a lot of the reserves right across Canada – the Kenora region especially. Some of the things I saw there, I mean, it was shocking. That we would allow people to live in these type of conditions.”

Poling was told of how this circumstance led to a related suicide, which is why he began his book-writing career on native affairs. Someone told him of a heartbreaking story of a 21-year-old native father with a baby and a wife who took his life. It raised a question: Why did he kill himself?

“I had to find out why he would have done that,” he said, adding it led to many interviews and books such as *Tecumseh: Shooting Star, Crouching Panther*. He remembers how a paper mill in the area polluted local waters and adversely affected life, causing disruption to daily and traditional life.

“I always thought that was only one person. There’s lots of suicides up in that area ... but it really had an effect on me. More people should be doing books. There should be more information and informing Canadians about what is going on. The other thing is people don’t realize how much racism there is with native people (and other people of course),” he said.

Poling refers to examples such as an unsuccessful proposal in the 1960s to make natives like the rest of Canadians with the White Paper and how the term “savage” was included in government documents such as in prison manuals for guards.

With wife Diane, he’s embraced the wild winds and the calm serenity of St. Nora Lake for close to 30 years when he purchased the lot at first glance. His seasonal residence has been a work in progress ever since and staked in the foundation of love on a rocky face titled by Poling Shaman’s Rock. He came up with the name to sell the idea to his family, who could barely see past the ruggedness for anything resembling a place for a home.

Poling has freelanced since 2002 and has written for



Darren Lum Staff

Author Jim Poling Sr., who is a former Indian and Northern Affairs writer for The Canadian Press, loves his time in the Highlands. Poling has released his ninth book *Smoke Signals: The Native Takeback of North America's Tobacco Industry*.



There should be more information and informing Canadians what is going on . . .

— Jim Poling

magazines such as *Readers' Digest*, *Cottage Life* and newspapers. He has been writing books since 2000.

It's obvious Shaman's Rock is more than just where his cottage is; his heart resides there.

Contrary to what people might think, Poling does not support smoking. He understands natives perceive tobacco far differently than the governments on the North American continent. It's more than business to natives.

Natives perceive tobacco as “spiritual,” Poling said. “It’s a religious thing.”

This misinterpretation dates back several centuries and

is highlighted in his book.

When Christopher Columbus was offered tobacco leaves from the natives in the first meeting between Europeans and North American natives he had them thrown overboard. This insult marked the beginning of the end between the European settlers and the natives.

The major stumbling block to the relations between the government and natives could be easily resolved, he said. It simply exists in openness.

“Native people are a distinct culture within Canada. To me that is a great thing. If only governments would only understand they are distinct society or a distinct culture within Canada. I think that’s what they want,” he said.

Progress has been made despite the current problems and Poling remains optimistic since there have been positive strides made particularly in education for natives.

“[It’s more than] racism. It’s a lack of understanding. There are some people who are totally racist. But a lot of people lack the understanding of native affairs,” he said. “More and more understanding will help solve the problems.”

You can order the book through Master’s Book Store in Haliburton.

Minden man searches for clues

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Gord Cross is looking for information about his father. Any information at all.

Walter Cross died in January of 1950 after being crushed by the bulldozer he was driving. An employee of Ontario Hydro, Walter was working outside of Minden, west of Bobcaygeon Road in the Beer Lake area, when the machine slipped down a rocky slope.

Gord was born prematurely just more than a week after Walter's death and he's now searching for information about the father he never knew.

The family lived on Logie Street in Lindsay and according to Gord, his mother Edith was paid \$500 by Ontario Hydro as a death benefit.

"There wasn't welfare and mother's allowance and all those things back then," Gord said, seated in the kitchen of his home off Bobcaygeon Road.

Built six years ago, it stands just a few kilometres from the area where his dad died.

However, when Edith was paid another \$500 through workmen's compensation, Gord said the company asked for its \$500 back.

Since his mother was unable to pay, Gord said the debt was added to her hydro bills and recouped over a number of years.

When Gord was three, Edith married his stepfather.

"One of her girlfriends told me that she didn't really love the fella, but she needed the money to help feed us boys," said Gord, who has a brother from his parents' marriage.

Aside from the fact that Walter was from Oxford, England, Gord knows very little about his father and said Edith



Chad Ingram Staff

Gord Cross is looking for information on his father, Walter, who was killed in a work accident just outside Minden in 1950. Cross was born shortly after his father's death.

didn't really talk about him.

"I wish she had," he said.

The little he does know came from his stepfather and his mother's friends, some of whom are still living.

Edith died in the late 1990s.

Gord believes there is at least one person out there who knows something about his father though, or at least has something that belongs to him.

In the late 1980s, Gord received a phone call from a stranger at the Lindsay family home.

"He said, 'Are you Walter Cross?' I said, 'Well, kind of . . . my middle name's Walter.'"

The mystery caller told Gord he had an item he'd found in the Minden area that he believed belonged to his father.

"He wanted to know if I knew what the item was," Gord explained. "I said, 'How could I? I wasn't born.'"

Gord offered the man money, but since he couldn't identify the item, the man refused to give it to him, or even tell him what it was.

"To this day it's bothering me," he said, wondering if it was some kind of keepsake connected to his grandparents.

Ten or 15 years ago, Gord began asking questions in the Minden area, trying to find anyone who may have known his father.

He's had little success but is currently talking with someone who worked for Ontario Hydro at the same time as his dad, but not in the same crew.

"I'd like to know exactly where he died," Gord said. "I'd like to know what kind of man he was."

Anyone with any information about Walter Cross is asked to call Gord at 705-286-5076.

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Minden man charged

A 34-year old man from Minden Hills was charged with numerous offences by Haliburton OPP on Dec. 31.

At about 9:30 p.m. officers stopped a vehicle outside the Minden Community Centre and discovered the driver had been consuming alcohol.

The driver has been charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with no insurance, using a plate not authorized for the vehicle, driving a motor vehicle with no licence, driving a motor vehicle with open container of liquor and driving with more than 80 mgs of alcohol in his blood.

The accused is to appear in Minden on Feb. 6 to deal with the charges.

Haliburton County news

Reward offered for wolf information

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Staff at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve are trying to bring a few members of their family home, offering a \$3,000 reward for information leading to criminal charges related to the release of four of its wolves Dec. 31.

Peter Schleifenbaum, owner and operator of the 80,000-acre privately owned forest, believes the substantial financial incentive will help bring the right information forward.

"That should entice some people to either increase their efforts or to get over a hurdle and come forth with information that otherwise they wouldn't. We know the information is out there, we just need to get it," said Schleifenbaum.

The reward has been posted on the Forest's Facebook page.

"Another day passed and, unfortunately, we were unable to reunite the pack. Granite, Luna and Lonestar are still roaming around the wolf centre and are seen frequently. Since our soft approaches with live traps so far have not succeeded in their job, we will now step up our efforts," he wrote.

To date no charges have been laid by the OPP and Schleifenbaum would not comment on whether or not the police had any leads.

Three of the four wolves have come back to the centre, but have not yet made their way into the compound.

"They are literally outside the fence. They want to come back in, we just have to give them the opportunity to come back in," Schleifenbaum told the paper.

Staff are attempting to get them safely inside by luring them with food while trying to keep the other five wolves inside the enclosure, he said.

Two traps have been set up just outside the 15-acre wolf centre, one belonging to the Forest, the other to the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The staff are unable to get close enough to the wolves to tranquilize them, as the untamed animals have not been

socialized, according to a release by the Forest.

"Because we're dealing with unsocialized animals that are afraid of humans they don't approach us," said Schleifenbaum.

In the meantime the owner believes one wolf from the compound has been shot, killed and removed by a passing motorist.

Staff at Haliburton Forest drove past the wolf centre during the afternoon of Jan. 1, discovering a trail of blood about 200 metres north of the centre.

"It was removed, we just saw the clear evidence ... we know our wolves and are 99.999 per cent certain," Schleifenbaum told the paper.

Suspecting the incident happened sometime between 10:20 a.m. and 4 p.m., Schleifenbaum believes it was Haida, the alpha male of the wolf pack, that was shot.

The wolf centre had all wolves accounted for up until it closed at 5 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Before 7 p.m. that same day, snowmobilers at the Forest saw wolves running around outside the centre, at which point Schleifenbaum was notified.

The incident occurred sometime between 5 and 7 p.m. according to the OPP.

The compound is surrounded by a double fence, with the inside chain link fence 10-feet high and the outside measuring 12-feet high.

"We soon discovered that we still had wolves inside the enclosure and that it was not a tree that had miraculously smashed two fences but deliberate action by humans, who had cut large holes into both the inside and outside enclosures," the release says.

The owner believes the damage was done by an animal rights organization, as the evidence leads to a clear, planned attack, he said.

"That's what everything points to ... this was scouted out before."

This is the first time an incident of this nature has occurred at the Forest and staff were not given any tip-offs ahead of the incident.

"We didn't have any communication, we didn't have any threats or anything like that," said Schleifenbaum.

The holes in the fence have since been patched up by staff.

The wolves that belong to the centre were born and raised in captivity, with no experience in hunting or fending for themselves. The centre feeds the animals with dead carcasses.

The four wolves that left the compound include Haida, Granite, Luna and Lonestar.

The absence of the alpha pair will leave the remaining pack of wolves in turmoil, said Schleifenbaum in the release.

Staff members are hoping to get the three wolves into the compound as soon as possible, to avoid the animals becoming comfortable in the wild and therefore less likely to be lured by food.

While Schleifenbaum doesn't expect the wolves to pose a threat to the public, he does raise concern about their increasing hunger.

"They will approach local cottages as we expect them to look for food such as suet balls, garbage and even attempt to approach the odd small pet," he wrote in the release.

Open since 1996, the wolf centre operates to promote education and research, according to their website.

The centre includes an observation area where visitors can see the wolves and their feeding area. It will continue to be open and operating during the investigation.

Staff members are concerned about a similar incident happening and are welcoming any information or help from the public.

Schleifenbaum is hopeful public interest will bring an end to the investigation.

"It's a very interesting story, it strikes a chord with people ... the death of Haida put an extra [sad] spin on the whole story."

Those with any information about the investigation are being encouraged to contact the Haliburton OPP at 1-888-310-1122, or Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-8477 or emailing at www.khcs.ca.

Any wolves believed to belong to the wolf centre should be reported to the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve by calling 705-754-2198.

OPP search for missing Haliburton man John Finch

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Seven OPP officers and a canine were searching for John Finch in the area of Lakeview Street and Pine Avenue on Jan. 4.

The Central Region Emergency Response Team was looking for the 65-year-old man who had been missing since Dec. 24, when he was last seen by family near his home on Lakeview Street in Haliburton Village, according to the OPP.

John was reported missing by a family member on Dec. 30.

Described as having grey hair, brown eyes, measuring five-foot-nine and weighing about 150 pounds, John lived at 41 Lakeview St. with his wife Judy.

Judy said it was she who contacted the police about her missing husband.

Married for 10 years, Judy said she has contacted friends and family members, none of whom know where John is. The pair do not have any children.

John and his wife are both retired.

Kevin Finch hasn't spoken to his brother John in about a year, but he believes it was his wife who last spoke to John on the phone on Dec. 24.

"It's hard to really say what's going on ... it's just kind of weird that he's missing," said Kevin.

Family members have been seeking assistance from the public by posting information on Facebook, said Kevin.

At this point in the investigation the OPP have no reason to believe foul play has occurred, said Const. Sandy Adams of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment in an email.

Neither the police nor the family are aware of any mental health problems with John.

Those who have information about Finch are being asked to contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Information can also be given to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or by email at www.khcs.ca.

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police Central Region Emergency Response Team talk to the neighbours of John Finch on Jan. 4. Finch was reported missing on Dec. 30.
/Angelica Blenich



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our editorial

Move on

WHAT DO WE do now? This is no doubt the question the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation are asking themselves after last week's unprecedented move by the Ontario government.

The government has forced two-year contracts on teachers, freezing wages, cutting benefits and making it illegal to strike before the contracts expire on Aug. 31, 2014.

It's the latter stipulation that the unions have been decrying most fervently and the reason for the one-day rotating strikes and loss of extra-curricular activities at many schools.

What should the unions do now?

Call it a loss, move on and hope things go better next time.

While it may be difficult to accept, the government has made a decision.

Whether that decision was right or wrong is highly contentious, with the unions saying the government has violated their charter rights and that all Ontarians should be outraged at this abuse of power.

The philosophical conversation could go on endlessly, as it probably is at campuses across the country.

However, the decision has been made.

ETFO president Sam Hammond has said he's prepared to fight Bill 115 all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada and the unions should take that route if they feel so compelled.

He's also hinted at some kind of further political protest.

OK, but do it outside of school hours.

At this point in time the fight needs to move out of the schools.

Why?

Because it's not fair to the kids.

It's time to give Ontario students their extra-curricular activities back.

Before anyone gets in a tizzy, yes, I understand that hosting extra-curricular programs is voluntary. It's not part of a teacher's job description, nor should it be.

But the unions should loosen their hold on their members and allow those who want to provide extra-curriculars to do so.

Yes, some teachers would choose to work to their contracts and nothing more, and that's fine, but others wouldn't.

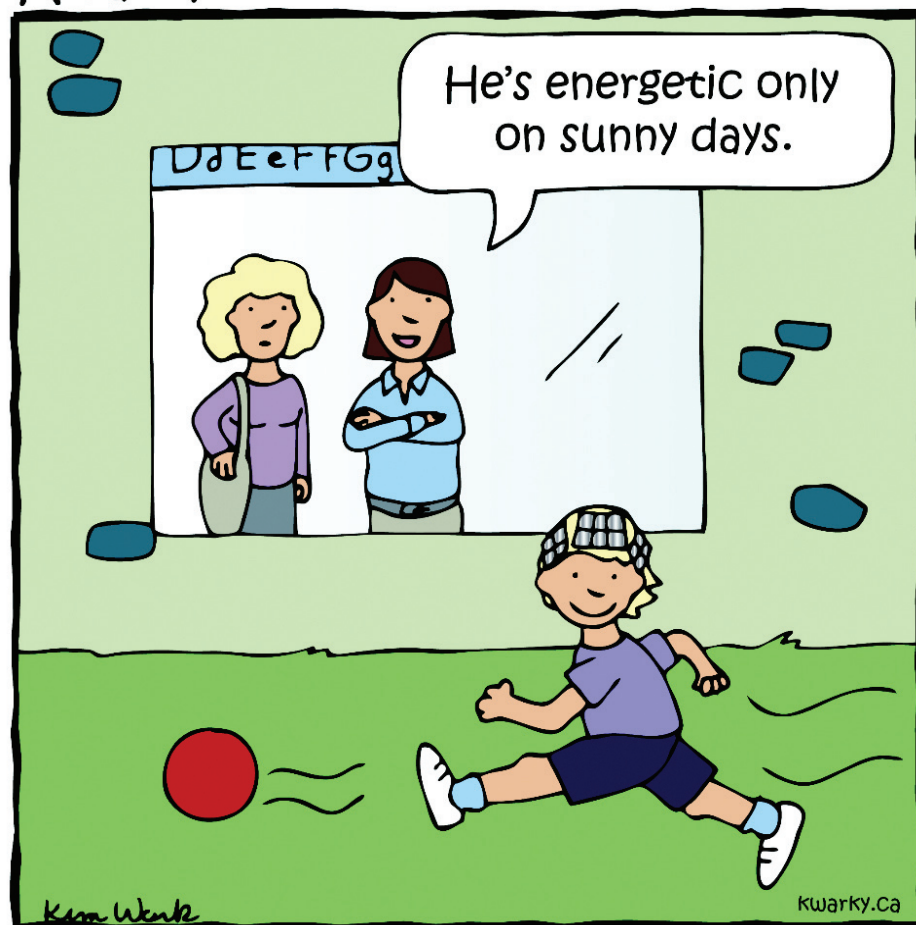
I guarantee there are some teachers out there who are missing sports and music rehearsals as much as their students.

Yes, the grownups are fighting. But it's not the kids' fault.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

Kwarky



letters to the editor

A slippery slope

To the Editor,

The new sidewalks are done, curbs, and new pavement completed, all to make our village more accessible. We were told at the town hall meeting that the widening of the sidewalks was to allow two wheelchairs or motorized scooters the availability to pass. What happened at the CIBC corner? Two people walking cannot pass without being on a slope! The sidewalk is also very narrow at this corner. The only level piece of sidewalk is the actual threshold of the bank building. I realize that the slope is to allow for a future crosswalk over to the Gravity House corner. Why was the walk so narrow here? Why was the walk sloped right from the bank door? What engineering company made this decision? The bank has received many complaints, though they are not responsible. Attempting to access the bank on Thursday I had to hold onto the bank wall at the corner to avoid slipping down the slope to the road on the snowy walk. I fear this is an accident waiting to happen. Check it out folks and beware of the slippery slope.

Lois Rigney
Minden Hills

Community support

To the Editor,

What a wonderful community we live in! Six months after lightning destroyed my home, I am sitting in my new beautiful home thinking about how generous and supportive the community of Minden Hills has been to me. From the prompt response of the Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands fire departments to the offers of help from friends, neighbours and local businesses, I have felt well supported.

The immediate generosity of My Size and Pharmasave helping me to acquire the basics was greatly appreciated and their support and interest as my new home progressed was wonderful. There are so many who willingly gave support and you know who you are - some are members of the local churches, the Grandmothers to Grandmothers group, the quilt guild, the local Tai Chi group, Hyland Crest and both Stouffer Mill and the Minden House B&Bs ... the list goes on and on.

Special thanks to Don Stewart and Dan Douglas who built my home and made sure that the various trades were ready when

see THANK page 8

points of view

It's a kind of magic

WHILE PERUSING international news, I happened to see a story whose headline made me sit up and take notice. It stated that Mexico's Grand Warlock, Antonio Vasquez, predicts Hugo Chavez will be dead by April.

Personally, I couldn't care less about the prediction.

What does interest me, however, is that Mexico has a Grand Warlock. True, he's not a government sanctioned Grand Warlock, nor is he even a particularly accurate one, at least based on his recent track record. He has many failed predictions. Among them: Fidel Castro would die in 2008. Germany would win the 2006 World Cup. Barack Obama would lose to Mitt Romney.

But none of this has anything to do with my point.

My point is that Mexico has a Grand

Warlock and we don't.

Look, we compete with Mexico for the attention of the U.S.A. on a regular basis. And like any industrialized nation, the U.S. would like nothing better than to form strong economic bonds with nations that are rich on resources but very easily duped. One sign that you lean this way is to give credence and attention to a Grand Warlock.

And here we are without one.

Opportunity lost? You bet.

I think it's fair to say that not having a Grand Warlock puts us at a great competitive disadvantage. Let's face it; when you were a kid you didn't trade hockey cards with the smart kid who

wore glasses and got straight As. No, you tried to form a business relationship with that third grader who ate worms on a dare. It's not so different when it comes to International trade.

Yes, this country needs a Grand Warlock – and fast.

We need someone who likes to get out in front of the public, make sweeping predictions and who is right only some of the time.

Before you say it – bankers and weather forecasters don't count. The Americans believe in them too.

Besides, whoever we chose for the position should have some credibility. Mexico's Grand Warlock, at least, predicted that the Mayan Apocalypse was a hoax. Show me a banker or meteorol-

ogist with that kind of track record.

I also happen to think that having a Grand Warlock would add a bit of mystique to the Canadian image abroad. More than that, having the option to interview one would make any news story far more interesting.

In the end, however, it is highly unlikely that we, as a nation, will appoint a Grand Warlock or even a Good Witch of the North. We're just not that kind of country.

Instead, we'll just continue offering the Americans the same types of trade deals we always have – there will be no hocus pocus from us.

And I guess that makes sense. But would it hurt us to eat a worm or two on a dare?



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

Armed and dangerous

IN A 24-HOUR news cycle that spins so fast it turns reality into a blur, there is blessed little room for satire. Hyperbole has to keep looking over its shoulder, for reality is in hot pursuit.

A madman shoots up a New England schoolhouse last month and we consider the logical next step in the transformation of the world's greatest democracy into an armed camp.

I craft a deliberate exaggeration, not meant to be taken literally, which is the definition of hyperbole, only to find that reality dressed up as the National Rifle Association is breathing down my neck.

I propose that every American school teacher be armed, required to wear a pistol in an open holster to allow for a quick draw. Your new-age schoolmarm would spend her spare time on the firing range, learning how to terminate an intruder with extreme prejudice.

She would be tested on the kind of pop-up targets you see on television cop shows. Pop-ups on the schoolhouse range would be a little different. Ten points for gunning down a mealy-mouthed liberal, a Fail if you perforate Rush Limbaugh.

The NRA, which writes firearms

laws on behalf of the politicians whose campaigns it bankrolls, advised a slightly more cautious approach in its response to the massacre of 20 small children.

No guns for teachers, at least not yet. Just an armed guard, his wage paid from the textbook budget, in the hallway of every American school. One step at a time – arm the teachers later.

Now, a teacher switching focus from a lesson on the constitution's promise of the right to bear arms

to actually drawing her weapon might not respond in a timely fashion.

Nor could you expect an instant response from a guard who has drowsed through his days watching nothing much happen. First gun down the guard or the pistol-packing pedagogue and then pick off the children at your leisure.

More extreme measures may be called for down the road. Arm every toddler and teach firearms proficiency in kindergarten.

Arm each little darling with a single-shot derringer to minimize the schoolyard carnage. Top little Betsy when she

bats out of order at recess and you'll have to stay after school.

If you are a sensitive soul – or a

Canadian – you may well recoil from this prescription for the future, offered in unseemly jest in the face of a neighbour's catastrophe.

Surely it is wrong to kick a country when it is down, but how can you not ridicule the ridiculous? And what could be more ridiculous than the American argument that the answer to gun violence is more

guns?

That is more or less the thrust of in a timely essay in The Atlantic magazine that was on the stands about the time the New England lunatic was locking and loading.

There are so many pistols out there, argues Jeffrey Goldberg, that you really ought to have one too. Just in case somebody points a gun at you. Just in case somebody needs killing.

Years ago I worked with a decent, middle-aged, middle-class Canadian of the suburban persuasion who owned an illegal handgun. He assured me that if somebody tried to take his



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

television set, he would surely shoot him. He was a kindly man.

The Brown Dog Jiggs tried to explain that kind of thinking to me but I think he gave up on me. But then, there are a whole lot of things Jiggs can't explain.

Pistols and revolvers and automatic weapons are useful only for killing other people. Why in the world would a civilian need one?

It is written in the liturgy of the NRA that guns don't kill people. People kill people. But could the New England lunatic have killed 20 children with a club or a knife or his bare fists before somebody stopped him?

The American pathology washes over the border, floating handguns into inner suburbs and ideas onto Parliament Hill and so we press the Delete button on our firearm registry.

Government computers fill up with the details of our private lives, there to be harvested. There are security cameras everywhere. Google knows more about me than I do.

There are no secrets anymore. Except for guns. Why did our country go along with that idea? And how does it look now?

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Thank you

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I would be remiss if I did not mention the help that Drew Carey of Vasey's Insurance Brokers continues to give to me and to my daughter, Heather, as we navigate the maze of the insurance claim.

And so as I begin a new year, in a new home and establish a new normal, thanks to all my long-time friends and to those who have become new friends. Your support has helped more than you will ever know.

Sue Reid
Minden



Time Travellers donate funds

Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers presented cheques to the Minden and Haliburton HHHS auxiliaries, respectively, and Point in Time Children's Camp. Funds were raised by the Time Travellers for donation to the three groups. The total amount donated was \$1,700. From left to right, Judith McNeillage (president of the Minden auxiliary), Tracey Lear (president of the Haliburton auxiliary) and Joan Wilson (representing Point in Time), Carol Groves (treasurer for the Time Travellers) and Jim McMahon (first vice president for the Time Travellers). A Christmas dinner was held at the Peppermill on Dec. 13 at which time Christmas came early to the respective recipients. /Submitted

Calling all artists of the Highlands

The Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands(ACHH), is pleased to invite emerging and professional artists/artisans residing in the Haliburton Highlands to submit credentials for consideration of participation in an exciting new project: makers and mentors. Submissions due by Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 5 p.m.

The aim of the project is for three paired teams of makers and mentors to develop limited edition art/craft pieces designed exclusively for ACHH. Proceeds from the sales of pieces will go to supporting the

ACHH.

This program is also designed to foster new relationships amongst our growing arts community, provide a supportive atmosphere and financial opportunities for new artists and to encourage both makers and mentors to participate in growing trends within the greater arts and craft communities: collaborative design and "of a kind" productions.

Emerging artists under 40 will be considered as makers to participate in a collaborative design process with a paired mentor.

The makers will receive a \$150 stipend to participate in co-designing and producing a prototype for approval by the ACHH.

Upon approval, the makers will receive a commission for 16 pieces at \$50 per piece (wholesale) for exclusive sale to ACHH for a total commission of \$800.

Established and professional artists are invited to become mentors of the next generation of artists/artisans in the Haliburton Highlands.

This is an opportunity to foster and support less established artists/artisans in the area while benefiting from the exposure to new motivations and perspectives amongst those young in their art/craft practice.

Mentors will receive a \$150 honorarium to co-design a piece with a paired maker and provide support and guidance throughout the process.

Mentors will also receive the 16th edition piece of the piece they co-design.

This is an open call to all emerging and professional artists residing in the Haliburton Highlands.

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Webster tragedy hits home in Stanhope

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The community of Webster, N.Y. went into mourning on Christmas Eve after two of its volunteer firefighters were shot to death while attending a house fire that had been set as a trap by the gunman.

In Stanhope, the flags at the fire station were flying at half mast in honour of the two men killed.

It turns out that Stanhope and Webster share an unlikely connection.

For a number of years during the 1990s, the fire departments of the two communi-

ties could hear each other's calls, having to talk over each other's signals, a result of signal skipping across Lake Ontario.

Skipping is a scientifically complicated process in which radio waves bounce around due to changes in the atmosphere.

"On many occasions, firefighters at either station . . . would radio each other to try to stay off the radio because the skip was strong that night," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt wrote on her Facebook page, where she posted a link to a page paying respects to the fallen. "The signals don't cross up any more, but many of us connected to our fire department remember this odd radio-based kinship with Webster,

N.Y."

Ann Barker, whose husband Don served on the former Stanhope Fire Department (it's now part of Algonquin Highlands Fire Services), remembers those years well.

At that point, there were five homes in Stanhope that were used as reception stations for calls, the Barkers' house being one of them.

"We used to get the skip on and off," Barker told the *Times*. "One particular time they had phoned and I had answered the phone and the fellas were at the hall and they were asking if we could turn the radio down. They were absolutely shocked at the size of our radio being so small and we were wiping them out."

More than not, it was the Stanhope signal interfering with communications in Webster.

The strange connection formed a sort of bond and once Barker sent some cookbooks that were used as a fundraiser for the Stanhope department and flares down to Webster.

She received back flares from the department there as well as two mugs.

The skipping, which also picked up police transmissions from Webster, stopped once Stanhope switched to a new system with central dispatch, which Algonquin Highlands fire chief John Hogg said was at least 10 years ago.

Mike Chiapperni, 43, and Tomasz Kaczowka, 19, died of their gunshot wounds and two of their colleagues were injured on Dec. 24.

Firefighters from Stanhope had hoped to attend the funerals but weren't able to make it.



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Chad Ingram Staff

Kids of all ages hit the ice at Minden's S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Dec. 31 for some free public skating. There was sponsored skating at the rink through the last week of December and first week of January.



Above, Ryan King enjoys some public skating.

Left, kids had on their safety gear while skating at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Dec. 31.

College says misinformation being spread

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The chairman of the board of governors of the Ontario College of Trades is decrying attacks on the organization by Ontario's Progressive Conservatives.

Created by the McGuinty government in 2009, the college regulates skilled trades in the province and was designed to set training standards, conduct research on and promote the skilled trades and review journeyman-to-apprentice ratios.

In April, it will be signing up members. In December, Simcoe North MPP and PC critic for skilled trades and apprenticeship reform Garfield Dunlop visited members of the Haliburton County Homebuilders Association, where he criticized the college for being a cash grab by the government and promising to abolish

it if his party is put in power.

"There's certainly a lot of misinformation being spread, which is unfortunate," said Ron Johnson, who heads up the college's board of governors. "To call it a tax is blatantly unfair and untrue. It is a membership fee for the college, no different than the other 44 regulatory bodies that all have regulatory fees."

Johnson said that fees will be mandatory for those in 22 of the province's 157 trades and said employers do not have to join, although Johnson believes it to be in their best interest to do so.

"[Dunlop] often says that it's going to drive up the cost of construction," he continued. "The construction industry in Ontario is \$40 billion a year. The membership fees for members for the construction side are \$7 million. To suggest that \$7 million is going to have any impact whatsoever on a \$40 billion industry is absurd.

It's like taking a bucket of water out of Lake Erie and thinking the water level will drop."

The PCs have also been calling for the journeyman-apprentice ratio in Ontario to drop to one-to-one as it is in some provinces, instead of three-to-one.

Johnson said ratios for each trade will be set by a panel of adjudicators chosen by the government that will hear from those in the industry. The ratios are to be re-evaluated every four years.

"It's completely industry driven," he said. "No longer does the industry have to wait for some bureaucrat or politician to make a decision for us."

Johnson, himself a former PC MP, noted that the provincial PCs hadn't done anything about the ratio when they were in power and said the PCs were attempting to make the college a union/non-union issue when it's not.



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— Ron Johnson

"It's fear-mongering, it's irresponsible and quite frankly, it's petty politics," he said.

Health unit promotes importance of smoke free units

Campaign to take place in coming months

"Together, let's clear the air!" That is the message the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit will share with local tenants and landlords.

In the coming months, the health unit will be promoting the benefits of smoke-free multi-unit dwellings such as apartments, condos and townhouses, as well as ways that landlords and tenant groups can make it happen in Haliburton County.

When it comes to multi-unit dwellings, the provincial Smoke-Free Ontario Act only bans smoking in indoor 'common' areas such as hallways, lobbies, stairwells and elevators.

The smoking ban does not apply to individual units. A recent survey by the Ontario Smoke-Free Housing Coalition found one-third of residents who live in multi-unit dwellings were regularly exposed to second-hand smoke.

When asked to choose between two similar buildings – one that allowed smoking and the other that did not – 80 per cent of survey respondents said they would prefer to live in the smoke-free building.

"Demand is growing across Ontario for smoke-free multi-unit dwellings, and we see that same support in our own community," says Doreen Boville, a health promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit. "The only way to protect people's health is to start moving towards having

more smoke-free rental buildings. It is possible to do this, and it is happening."

Within the health unit's district, the Haliburton Community Housing Corporation, Community Care Village Housing in Lindsay and the Fenelon Area Independent Living Association are just three examples of building operators who have made their premises smoke-free.

Interest in creating smoke-free multi-unit dwellings has also been expressed by groups in other areas. "From a landlord's perspective, smoke-free buildings make plenty of sense," Boville says. "There is more demand for smoke-free units, a reduced risk of fire, less cost to turn over a non-smoking unit, and better resale value."

Tenants also have an interest since they are not being exposed to deadly second-hand smoke and "third-hand smoke," she adds. Third-hand smoke is tobacco smoke that gets absorbed into carpets, walls, ceilings, furniture, clothing, fabrics and other surfaces.

The cancer-causing chemicals in third-hand smoke can be inhaled by people or absorbed through their skin.

"If you feel strongly about wanting to protect the health of you and your family, then talk to your landlord, building owner or condo board about ways to ban smoking in your building," Boville says.

No-smoking policies in multi-unit dwellings are legal and enforceable, she adds.

However, smokers who live in buildings that go smoke-free cannot be evicted from their units.

Instead they are still allowed to smoke in their unit until they move out, at which time the unit would become smoke-free

for the next tenant.

Local residents can find out more about creating smoke-free multi-unit dwellings by calling the health unit toll-free

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Reads of the month



Book of the Month

The Deception of Livvy Higgs by Donna Morrissey

Livvy Higgs is an elderly woman who lives alone in Halifax. Over the course of a couple of days, while Livvy's health fails, a series of dreams take us back to her childhood growing up on a French Coastal town in Newfoundland. She remembers details of her childhood with her mom, dad and close neighbour friends but as Livvy's memories intensify we learn about the shocking family secrets that were kept from her. Filled with evocative prose and stunning historical detail, *The Deception of Livvy Higgs* is being described as The Stone Angel of the East Coast. You can reserve it today from Haliburton County Public Library.

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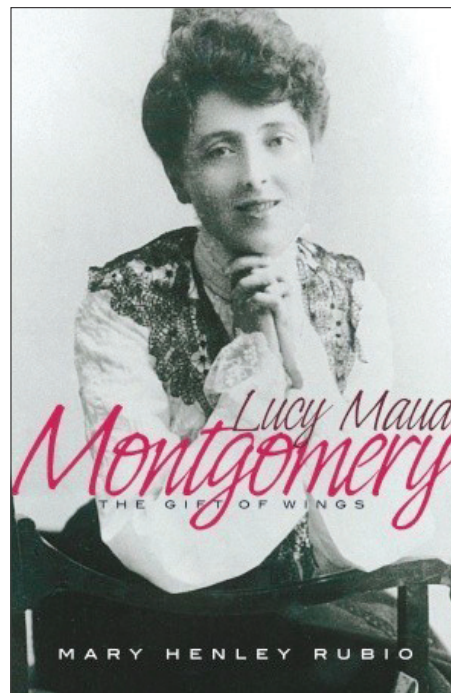
Legend by Marie Lu

The western United States has been reduced into a post-apocalyptic, plague-contaminated land known as The Republic, an environment in which few are given the chance to succeed. One person who has defied the odds is 15-year-old June, a prodigiously intelligent girl, who is being groomed for success by The Republic's militaristic regime. On the other end of the spectrum is Day, a 15-year-old boy born into the slums of Los Angeles. In order to survive and provide for his family, Day has transformed himself into a master criminal, making him the most wanted man in the country. When tragedy sets June and Day on a collision course towards one another, they come to realize how little they truly knew of the world before them. The first in a trilogy, Marie Lu's *Legend* is available from Haliburton County Public Library.

Local Celebrity Read



Maija Stone is a retired Toronto teacher who has been living in the Highlands for the last 12 years. She enjoys painting, nature-



related outdoors activities and reading, especially non-fiction and biographies. One biography she recently enjoyed is *Lucy Maud Montgomery: The Gift of Wings*

by Mary Henley Rubio. "It was excellent," says Stone. "It was published recently so it included a lot of details about her life. We associate her with P.E.I., but she spent most of her life in Leaside, near Uxbridge. Lucy certainly did not live the life of her books; her husband was a manic depressive and she basically supported the family."

"It just makes for interesting reading," concludes Stone. "This book is well written, but still very reader friendly."

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Dorset added to sprout circuit

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Anyone in Dorset looking to order fresh greens will soon be able to do so.

Four Season Greens, a home-based Port Sydney business specializing in sprouts and micro-greens, is expanding its sprout delivery program to include a depot in Dorset.

"It grew out of a hobby," said Sharon Bacon, who runs the business with her husband Steve.



The Bacons started using their garage as a greenhouse and set up another growing room in their home, conducting what Sharon called "suburban agriculture."

Soon, word about what the Bacons were doing spread.

"More and more we were getting people asking us how they could get ahold of us," Sharon said. "So we put together a sprouting kit. You just add water basically."

The kits started in 2008 and since then the Bacons have also started conducting sprout workshops as well as delivering sprouts grown by them to people who order them.

They have about 65 clients through 14 depots in Muskoka and also supply a number of the area's restaurants.

They grow a variety of greens perfect for salads, wraps and sandwiches.

"The more you eat them, the more you seem to crave them," said Sharon, who extolled their health virtues.

She and Steve even put greens in their smoothies.

More and more, she said, people are dying of cancer and heart disease – illnesses people can reduce their risk of getting through healthy eating.

"It's really critical that people understand that what they eat affects their health... and processed food is killing us," Sharon said.

Sharon and Steve Bacon run Four Season Greens and are expanding their sprout delivery circuit to include Dorset.
Photo submitted

There's also the benefit of knowing where one's food has come from and the fact it hasn't spent days on truck making the long voyage to the grocery store.

"It's local so you're getting the freshness

that comes with local food," Sharon said.

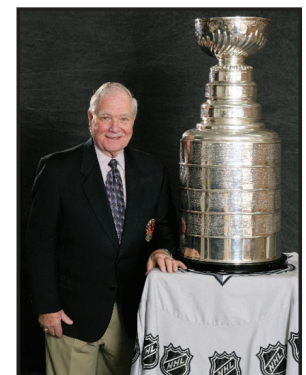
The Bacons' refurbished website at www.fourseasonsgreens.com should be active soon. They can also be contacted at 705-405-0449.



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We want to thank those who came in to visit our club room over the holiday season. Our regular activities start up again on Jan. 2 with our meat draw held during the lunch hour. A copy of our January calendar is available at the Legion.

The Highlands Trio is coming to entertain at the Legion on Friday, Jan. 11 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Why not come for our hand-battered fish and chip or wings and chips dinner and then stay for the entertainment? The Highlands Trio will entertain on Saturday, Jan. 12 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. as well. All are welcome to come in to enjoy our Legion.

The NFL playoffs are starting on the weekend and we will watch the afternoon games on our big-screen televisions. Put on your favourite jersey, bring your friends and come in to enjoy the games! We have had several requests to start showing the NASCAR races this year as well. We will do our best to have any afternoon races on our big screen televisions.

The Minden Legion is planning to hold a loonie auction on Saturday, Jan. 26. We would appreciate donations of new or nearly-new items. Please bring your donations to the Legion.

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Congratulations to all curlers



On Monday, Dec. 17 the Monday Mixed playoffs were carried out signaling an end to the first 2012/13 curling session at the Minden Curling Club. The first place team in the Monday Mixed league this session was skipped by Ed Copeland with Barry Simon as vice, Ray Kidon at second and Mary Copeland at lead. The team is shown with the Dominion Hotel Trophy for winning the league. Submitted by Jim Gillanders. Photos by Gord Sheehan.



The winning team of the first draw in the Monday's playoffs was skipped by Ed Cyr with Rod Mabley at vice, Donna Pennycad at second and Wally Ozog at lead. Submitted by Jim Gillanders. Photos by Gord Sheehan.



The winning team of the second draw was skipped by Dave McKay with Audrey Robson as vice, Peter Oyler at second and Pete Maybury at lead. Submitted by Jim Gillanders. Photos by Gord Sheehan.

CARNARVON LANES

Tues. aft. Dec. 18/12		High single: Fred Phipps	317
Men:		High single hdcp: Fred Phipps	354
High avg. Ken Thompson	203	High triple: Fred Phipps	692
High single: Chris Hill	227	High triple hdcp: Fred Phipps	803
High single hdcp. Chris Hill	266	Ladies:	
High triple: Chris Hill	637	High avg: Chris Cote	185
High triple hdcp. Chris Hill	754	High single: Margaret Schepers	275
Ladies:		High single hdcp. Margaret Schepers	348
High avg. Chris Cote	188	High triple: Margaret schepers	615
High single: Chris Hill	235	High triple hdcp: Margaret Schepers	819
High single hdcp: Rae Shepherd	268	Thur. aft.	
High triple: Chris Cote	589	Men:	
High triple hdcp: Chris Cote	579	High avg: Ken Thompson	214
Wed. aft. Dec. 19/12		High single: Claude Cote	267
Men:		High single: hdcp: Claude Cote	285
High avg: Ken Thompson	211		

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9:00AM - 5:00PM
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BUSN158
STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS WORKSHOP
Saturday February 23, 2013
9:00AM - 5:00PM
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Saturday March 23, 2013
9:00AM - 3:00PM
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Saturday, April 6, 2013
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Friday – Saturday, March 1 - 2, 2013
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HLTH81
FIRST AID – STANDARD
Friday – Saturday, March 1 - 2, 2013
8:30AM - 4:30:00PM
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HLTH82
FIRST AID – STANDARD RECERTIFICATION
Friday – Saturday, March 1 - 2, 2013
8:30AM - 4:30:00PM
\$91.85

HLTH52
WHMIS
Saturday April 6, 2013
9:00AM - 12:00PM
\$59.73

RECR102
WILDERNESS SURVIVAL SKILLS
Saturday April 20, 2013
10:00AM - 5:00PM
\$136.00

RECR103
WILD EDIBLES FORAGING 101
Saturday May 25, 2013
10:00AM - 5:00PM
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CARNARVONLANES

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High triple: Claude Cote	726
High triple hdcp: Claude Cote	780
Ladies:	
High avg: Chris Cote	192
High single: Chris Cote	225
High single hdcp. Pam Pappas	276
High triple: Chris Cote	621
High triple hdcp. Chris Cote	702
Wed. aft. Jan. 2/13	
Men:	
High avg: Ken Thompson	209
High single: John Whitty	274
High single hdcp. John Whitty	297
High triple: John Whitty	673
High triple hdcp: John Whitty	742
Ladies:	
High avg: Chris Cote	184
High single: Marie Thompson and Margaret Schepers	219
High single hdcp: Margaret Schepers	283
High triple: Marie Thompson	573
High triple hdcp: Marie Thompson	747
Thur. aft. Jan. 3/13	
Men:	
High avg: Ken Thompson	214
High single: John Whitty	238
High single hdcp: John Hutson	264
High triple: John Whitty 650	
High triple hdcp: John Whitty	707
Ladies:	
High avg: Chris Cote	190
High single: Ren Higgins	189
High single hdcp: Pam Pappas	256
High triple: Ren Higgins	518

THEFASTLANE

Thursday Afternoon Mixed Bowling - Dec. 13		Men's High Triple - Scott Welch	668
Weeks High Scores (With H/cap)		YTD Flat Average	
Ladies High Single - Elli Welch	303	Ladies - Cathy Snell	222
Ladies High Triple - Elli Welch	749	Men's - Rick West	195
Men's High Single - Gerry Wagg	271	Haliburton County Red Wolves - Dec. 12	
Men's High Triple - David Stiver	734	Mens	
YTD Flat Average		Jason Howellwell	197
Ladies - Helen Dentinger	174	Jerry Corby	161
Men's - Gerry Wagg	180	Brandon Bailey	145
Monday evening Mixed Bowling - Dec. 10		Special Mention To Philip with a 117!	
Weeks High Scores (With H/cap)		Ladies	
Ladies High Single - Cathy Snell	244	Robin Fletcher	158
Ladies High Triple - Cathy Snell	698	Skylar Pratt	157
Men's High Single - Scott Welch	244	Carrie Crego	136
		Andrea Austin	136

Corporate/Social League evening of Dec. 18			Cum. Points For Rnd 2		
Team	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Points	Mvp Of The Night
Todd's Independent	2	1	2	65	Rod Consad 105
Canadian Tire	1	5	1	55	Susan 110
Kawartha Dairy	3	2	5	40	Sherry 80
The Bob's	5	3	3	35	Liz Cowan 70
Point In Time	4	4	4	30	Amanda 85



The final playoff results are as follows. First place Winn Taylor, skip, Sandra Garry, vice, Kim Burk, second, Sandra Slauenwhite-Box, lead. Second place, Barb Millington, skip, Janet Kiddon, vice, Donna Pennycad sub for Donna Monk, second, Dale Rider, lead. Third place Marian Gillanders, skip, Linda Lambert, vice, Joyce Nilsson, second, Mary Davis, lead. Submitted by Denise LeBlanc



The final standings for the first schedule regular Wednesday Ladies League pictured were presented with the Lorne Coburn Trophy. First place: Zelda Cooper, skip, Pauline Plooard, vice, Dianne James, second, and Vicki Colicchia lead. Second place Marie Lennard, skip, Barbara Braker, vice, Lynda Preston, second, Denise LeBlanc, lead. Third place Mickey Bonham, skip, Betty Goard, vice, Val duManior, second, Barb Maybury, lead. Submitted by Denise LeBlanc

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Gina Atkinson
Stanhope Life

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On Jan. 4 at 5:25 a.m. a new life entered this world weighing all of 8.7 oz. and her name is Julianna Faith. A daughter to Natalie and Rob, a little sister to my granddaughter Alyssa, but selfishly a new grandchild to Nigel and I, it's the very best!

The new year always comes in with different hopes and dreams; this year has come in with an extra special gift in this small child. Babies have a way of finding a spot deep down in your heart and I think she has mine - it happened when she closed her little fist around my finger. Now I am lost forever and if you think I'm a little emotional - you should see mom and dad! Their friend wrote the following "A baby will make love stronger, days shorter, nights longer, bank accounts smaller, home happier, clothes dirty, the past forgotten and the future worth living for." This sums up everything this little child brought into the world with her.

Since Rob is of Dutch heritage the choice of name was Juli-

anna after Dutch royalty. Juliana Louise Emma Marie Wilhelmina who was born April 30, 1909 and died on March 30, 2004. She was the longest lived ruling monarch in the world and is commemorated in space in the name of the asteroid 816 Juliana. In the early 1940s Princess Juliana was sent to reside in Ottawa during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands in the Second World War. There Juliana gave birth to Princess Margriet at the Ottawa Civic Hospital. In 1945 the Dutch royal sent 100,000 tulip bulbs to Ottawa in gratitude for Canada sheltering Princess Juliana and her daughter. Then in 1946 Juliana sent another 20,500 bulbs requesting a display be created for the hospital and promised to send 10,000 more bulbs each year. Years following Queen Juliana's original donation, Ottawa became famous for its tulips and in 1953 the Ottawa Board of Trade and photographer Malak Karsh organized the first "Canadian Tulip Festival" which claims to be the world's largest tulip display drawing over 500,000 visitors annually. Queen Juliana returned to celebrate the festival in 1967 and Princess Margriet returned to Ottawa in 2002 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the festival. There you have it a little history behind a beautiful name!

Plan to register in the Introduction to Tai Chi, which will be running on Mondays starting on Jan. 14 to Feb. 18 from 1:30 to

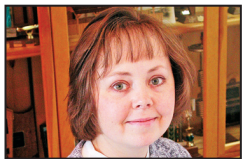
2:30 p.m. The classes will be held at Club 35 located on 17459 Highway 35, Halls Lake. This is a beginner class taught by Valerie Houston-Peel of Temple Knights geared to the 55 and up age crowd but all are certainly welcome. The cost per class is \$5 and \$30 for the season. Registration is required so please contact them at drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-766-9968. Tai Chi is a fantastic gentle exercise that benefits both mind and body.

In life we go through times of happiness and sorrow, basically these travel hand in hand. When I came back from my happy time in Barrie visiting the new baby I was informed of a death in our little community. It was a very sad moment to hear about the passing of Helen Windsor. Helen and Garth have been neighbours of ours since we moved up here 17 years ago. Last year it was with great pride and happiness that they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their family and friends. Helen was well known and loved by many; she will certainly be missed and remembered for her gracious nature.

Visitation will be at Monk's Funeral Home on Friday and a church service followed by a reception will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima in Minden.

Our thoughts go out to the family at this very sad time.

Next healthy cooking class focuses on comfort foods



Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

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malfano@hotmail.ca

As a follow up to the Dorset Canada Post office gingerbread man decorating activity, Rose and Karla are pleased to report that 16 gingerbread men were given out and the decorated men were displayed in a gingerbread house in the front window at the post office. On Christmas Eve a winner was drawn. Congratulations to Laura Walisser! And thanks to all the Dorset children for their participation!

Dorset Snowball is launching its annual sponsorship campaign. Any individuals or businesses who are interested in becoming a sponsor to support this great community event are encouraged to contact the Dorset Recreation Centre at drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968. A sponsorship is very reasonably priced and sponsors get listed at www.dorsetsnowball.com and on the Snowball brochure which is mailed out to over 2,000 addresses throughout Huntsville, Dwight, Dorset, Minden and Baysville.

The Dorset Book Club will be meeting at the Dorset branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on Wednesday, Jan. 9 from 1 to 2 p.m. All are welcome to join the discussion on John Grisham's newest book, *The Innocent Man*. A library card is not required but why not sign up? It's free to Dorset and area residents. For more information, contact Ruth or Sandy at 705-766-9968. The February book club theme will be comedy.

Yoga classes will be starting up again on Wednesdays starting Jan. 9 from 10 to 11 a.m. Join Ingrid Bittner for a gentle practice geared to all levels. For more information, contact the Dorset Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968.

Drumming will also start up again on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 9. Join Gillian Thomas for a fun hour of drumming in a group. Express yourself and find your rhythm.

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Instruments are provided and no experience is necessary. For more information, contact the Dorset Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968.

The next healthy cooking class at the Dorset Recreation Centre takes place on Thursday, Jan. 10 starting at 7 p.m. Join Rebekah Lennerton from Black River Foods for an evening themed around comfort foods and one pot meals. Becky supports a farm to table philosophy and will be sharing her knowledge of the practice.

At least one recipe will be demonstrated and there will be recipe handouts. Come hungry! Registration is required and see DON'T page 19



Changes to Tipping Fees Related to Construction and Demolition Waste (Waste Management By-law 2012-15)

TAKE NOTICE The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands will be considering a By-law to amend fees related to By-law 2012-15 being a by-law to regulate and provide for the collection and disposal of waste and recyclable materials at its January 17, 2013 Regular Meeting.

The purpose of the By-law is to amend Schedule E to By-law 2012-15 to increase tipping fees related to the disposal of all chippable construction and demolition waste including shingles and bulky items from \$20.00 per cubic yard to \$40.00 per cubic yard.

Additional information relating to the by-law amendment is available by contacting Mike Thomas, Manager of Operations during regular offices hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Dated this 2nd day of January, 2013.

Mike Thomas, Manager of Operations
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(705) 489-2379
mthomas@algonquinhighlands.ca

Notices



PUBLIC NOTICE Proposed Change of Fees to Building By-law 09-05

TAKE NOTICE pursuant to Section 7 of the Ontario Building Code Act, 1992 empowers Council to pass certain by-laws respecting construction, demolition, change of use, permits, fees and inspections. The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands will be holding a **Public Meeting on February 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Council Chambers at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, Ontario, to consider fee changes to Building By-law 09-05.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person may attend the meeting, or submit in writing, in support of or objection to the By-law setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons of the objection.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW

The purpose of the By-law is to amend Schedule A to Building By-law 09-05 under the Permit Fees section to increase fees related to permit fees.

Additional information relating to the by-law amendment is available for review by contacting the Building Department during regular offices hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Dated at the Township of Algonquin Highlands this 2nd day of January, 2013.

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community calendar

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Alcoholics Anonymous Haliburton Group meets at St. Anthony's Catholic Church 27 Victoria Street Thursdays at 12:00 noon & Sundays at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome

We are a group of folks who started back playing table tennis after many years of "doing other things", and we range from beginners to "pretty darn good". We have four tables in Minden and three in Haliburton. We play Monday nights from 6 to 9 pm. in Haliburton on the lower level of St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain Street. The cost is \$5.00 per night plus \$15 half-yearly to cover the insurance cost for the church. We play Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 pm. the upper level of the Minden Community Centre. The cost in Minden is \$3.00 per day. Balls and racquets are supplied - all you need to bring are indoor sports shoes. Please come out and join us for exercise, fun and camaraderie - Everyone is Welcome! Dates: From January 2nd to June 26th. Contact: Vasha Rehacek @ 705-754-3834

Jan 9: Healthy Beginnings Prenatal Class : Four-part class runs Wednesday nights (Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2012), 6 pm -8 pm. Located at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level) The Prenatal Class is ideal for expectant moms and their partners. The class focuses on labour and delivery, infant care and safety, feeding the baby and adjusting to life after the baby is born. Each participant receives a free copy of the Healthy Beginnings pregnancy guidebook. Pre-register by contacting the Health Unit (705) 457-1391 or prenatal@hkpr.on.ca

Jan 12: Gone to Pot – Adventures in Clay: On wheel and slab you will shape your own pottery creations. For information and rates see www.yoursoutdoors.ca; to book call 705-754-3436 or email info@yoursoutdoors.ca

Jan 12: Make Peace with Winter- Ice Climbing located at Camp Medeba. This is a fun and safe

two hour introduction to ice climbing. Climbing equipment, a warm hut and hot beverages will be provided. For information and rates see www.yoursoutdoors.ca; to book call 705-754-3436 or email info@yoursoutdoors.ca

Jan 12: The Haliburton County Historical Society 3rd Annual Golden Slipper Music Era Dance beginning at 8:00p.m. located at the Wild Moose. Dance to the 50's style. Tickets are \$10. Contact: Larry Giles at 705-754-0427 for more information

Jan 12: Wilberforce Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting. Pot luck supper starts at 6:00pm and AGM will follow at 7:00pm. All Fair board members, volunteers and anyone interested in the workings of the Wilberforce Fair are welcome to join us. Be involved in this year's Fair!

Jan19: Mini Buck Bid Euchure located at the Bobcaygeon Senior Citizens Center 100 Head Street. Will host a MINI BUCK BID EUCHRE Saturday January 19, 7 P.M. Everyone welcome for information call Phil 705-738-6271

Jan 25, 26 and 27: 15th Annual Charity Home Builders Hockey Tournament: "NEW LOCATION" - S G Nesbitt Arena, Minden Ontario. The following divisions will be available as long as there are a minimum of FOUR teams registered in that division; Home Builder, Ladies, Over 35, Over 50 and Open. The food banks in Haliburton County continue to be our charity of choice. They are most appreciative of our fourteen years of donations to their very important work. For more information call Aggie Tose info@hchba.ca or 705-457-6901

Jan 31: Bobcaygeon Senior Citizens Centre Fund Raisers. We have scheduled a bus to Casino Rama this is a Fund Raiser for our Seniors Centre. The cost is \$2.00 for the bus and Buffet lunch. Departing at 8:30 from 100 Head Street Bobcaygeon and returning at 4:15. Come join us for fun on the bus. Contact Judy: 705-738-4490

Don't miss the Dorset Snowball meeting

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the cost is \$5 per person – all is supplied. Email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 if you would like to register. There will be a Dorset Snowball meeting on Monday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre and all are welcome. Join the fun!

Fitness classes at the Dorset Recreation Centre have started

but it's not too late to join in. There are three more classes at the great subsidized rate of \$5 per class. The class runs on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. to Jan. 26. Email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 and leave a message if you would like to register (which is required). Motivations Fitness will be leading the class which is being funded by a grant from the Government of Ontario. Birthday wishes for Dec. 30 to Jan. 12 go out to Hailey Pulfrey, Larry Bradbury, John Clayton, Jor-

dan Wilson, Ethan MacKay, Marie Warkentin, Alex Jordan, Hugh Reynolds (Happy 80th!) and Graham Avery. Be sure to give me a call or drop me a line to send wishes to your special loved ones or even you! So, for all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day! If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my email address which is malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at home at 705-766-0076.

Annual sleigh rides are fun for the whole family



Patti Fleury
Around the Town

705-488-2938
brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Our friend Betty Wilkinson passed away on Christmas Day at Ross Memorial. I never knew that her name was really Beatrice until the operator at patient enquiry made the correction. Highly respected in area spinners and weavers guilds she had a thorough knowledge of her craft from the full preparation of the fleece to ready it for spinning, to the use of natural dyes for her wool and to the eventual creation of beautiful garments and items for the home. It was at the Kinmount Fair Pioneer Exhibit many years ago where our paths first crossed. Betty was demonstrating weaving on her modern day floor loom but over time was instrumental in setting up and using the circa 1850 barn loom. Delighting in the children's fascination with the spinning wheel and giant loom she never tired of sharing her skills with them. A Rosedale resident Betty was a founding and continuing member of the Kinmount & Area Artisans Guild where her lovely creations graced the marketplace. An avid gardener who enjoyed sharing her bounty for me, there is some comfort in knowing that come early summer Betty's irises will once again raise their lovely purple, yellow and white heads in salute to her memory from the beds around our old farmhouse. Saturday evening brought the news of another loss to our community with the passing of Bruce Dettman on Jan. 5 at Peterborough Regional Health Centre. For many years Bruce, Laurine and their daughter Tracey have provided yeoman service to the Kinmount Agricultural Society playing key roles at the Kinmount Fair. A valued member of Kinmount United Church he frequently acted as the door greeter welcoming members and visitors to the service and also as the bell ringer extending that welcome call well beyond the limits of those church walls. The youngest of seven children Bruce was a man with many talents and interests. A skilled carpenter, on retiring from the Ministry of Natural Resources there was more time for his farming and outdoor related activities especially his famous maple syrup. The efforts of his devoted family and friends to assist him in remaining in his home for as long as possible are recognized. A true country gentleman Bruce will be dearly missed and warmly remembered.

Kinmount United Church is pleased to welcome Rev. Dr. Carol Kilby to its pulpit on a regular basis for 2013 leading the congregation in worship for two Sundays every month. Since the church became a single pastoral charge in January 2006, Carol and her husband Rev. Paul Irwin have contributed

much to the ongoing spiritual life of the congregation as associate ministers assisting our minister Rev. Desmond Howard, who will continue to be active on a regular basis. As of the end of January Kinmount United Church will remain part of the newly restructured Lindsay Presbytery now renamed Kawartha Highlands Presbytery.

As in past years the Kinmount Artisans marketplace will be closed for the month of January during which time upgrades will be made to the display areas along with the workroom space. Visitors will be welcomed back on Saturday, Feb. 2 then the Marketplace will continue open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weather permitting.

For everyone with a love of all things Scottish mark your calendars now for the annual Robbie Burns Dinner coming up on Friday, Jan. 18 at the Burnt River Community Centre. The piper will lead off the evening at 6 p.m. with dinner and a Scottish program to follow. Tickets are \$16/person and can be ordered by calling June Hunter at 705-454-1653 during the day or 705-454-8054 in the evening.

The annual community sleigh rides will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19 at the Pearson Hunt Camp on the Galway Road beginning about 12:30 p.m. and continuing to 4 p.m. This very popular event with its country flavour and is great fun for the whole family. There is a tasty hot lunch available for purchase in the cozy cabin and a blazing bonfire outside to offset win-

ter's chill. Proceeds are directed to a selected project benefiting the Galway area. Also on Saturday, Jan. 19 the monthly Friends of the Library book sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lower level of the Kinmount Branch. There are always great bargains available and donations of books welcome, but please no magazines or texts. With the end of the holiday season break there are many continuing activities and events starting up again. For specific details give a call to the convener or check out the website at www.kinmount.ca.

Until next week keep those bird feeders filled...

Career & Business Opportunities



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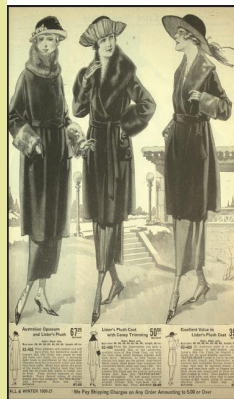
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Andr  Lapine working at Brigden's Ltd.

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logue* January 7 – April 6, 2013. This exhibition will be show-
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WINDSOR, Helen R. (nee Morency) -
Passed away suddenly at the Peterborough
Regional Health Centre on Saturday,
January 5, 2013, at the age of 87. Beloved
wife of Garth. Dear mother of Sandra and
her husband Roger Kniffen of Chatham,
Christine and her husband Jim Swartz of
Owen Sound, Dwayne and his wife Claire
Aldred of Majorca, Spain, Mark and his wife
Irene of Barrie. Loving grandma of Kelly,
Jocelyn, Carter, Catherine, Tyler, Jamie-
Lee, Steven, Amanda and great grandma of
Whitney, Victoria, Jordyn, Logan, Cole,
Bryce, Brianne, Brooke, Madison, Mikalah,
Lilah, Cora Belle and Riley. Dear sister of
Theresa, Armand, Albert, Jane and
predeceased by Ernest, Paul and Florence.
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nephews, family and friends. Friends are
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Thank you to Dr. Zsuzsanna Kaszas for her home visit, kind words and support. Kirsten and Barry from Monk Funeral Home for their caring and excellent service.

A special thank you to Reverend Joan Cavanaugh for visits and lovely service. She was ably assisted by Rev. Tim Sharpe, Martha Waine and Garth Kelleff. The music provided by Elaine Bell and the St. Pauls Anglican Church Choir was much appreciated.

A lovely luncheon was provided by the St. Pauls ACVV. Thank you also to Lorraine at Minden Florist for her beautiful arrangements.

In memoriam



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Marie & Family



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spouse who passed away
January 9th, 2011
Your presence I miss
Your memory I treasure
Forever missed,
Loving you always
Love Pat




Mary Wilson-Pain (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at her daughter's residence with her family by her side on Friday morning, December 21, 2012 in her 80th year. Beloved wife of the late George Wilson and Gerrit (Dutch) Pain. Beloved mother of Brenda, Judy (Dave), Wilma (Mrs. Nick Heykoop) and Gary (Vanessa). Beloved Nana of Lance (Vanessa), Brent (Ashley). Loving grandmother of Melissa (Peter), Nathan, Nicholas, Samantha, and Jeremy. Great Grandmother to Hailey and Amaliya and Kaia. Dear sister of Muriel Anne. Predeceased by her brother Robert. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Mary worked for the City of Scarborough for 20 years and was the previous owner of Twin Rocks, Kushog Lake.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends were invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Saturday afternoon, December 29, 2012 from 12 (Noon) until time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1 o'clock. Reception Followed Interment later St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

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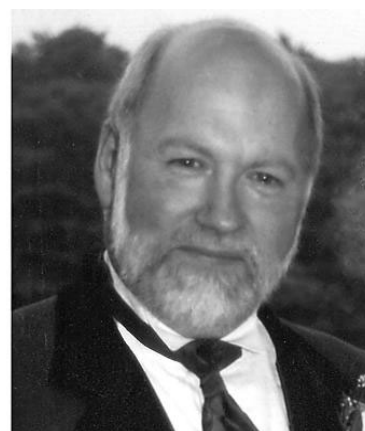
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Deaths

SMITH - Dr. L. Morley Smith passed away on December 21st after a year long, bravely-fought battle with Cancer. Morley died lovingly holding 'Jani's' hand, his wife of 46 years, never taking his eyes off the love of his life. He was grateful to spend his final days in the family cottage on the shores of Twelve Mile Lake, surrounded by his four children, Mark, Paul, Stuart and Tamara, their spouses Karen, Victoria, Kim and Patrick and Morley's 7 grandchildren. It will come as no surprise to those who knew Morley that the tumors the doctors found in his brain in September had shrunk to nothing when he was re-assessed this past November. There was far too much useful information crammed into his head to afford such a waste of space. We only wish the disease had disappeared from his body altogether. Morley was a dedicated husband, father, 'Grampsy', physician, artist and life-long scholar. He cared deeply for all the people in his life and took his responsibilities for them seriously. He lived a full life - characterized by integrity, generosity, bravery, hard work, fun and adventure. He will be missed by many. The family invites those who knew Morley to celebrate a life well-lived on December 28th at 2pm at Trinity Church Aurora, 79 Victoria Street, Aurora, Ontario. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial donation to the Cancer Research Society (www.crs-src.ca) or to Trinity Church Aurora (www.trinityaurora.ca).

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STEINBERG, John - Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. At the age of 91. Beloved husband of the late Leila. Dear father of Roy and his wife Sherol of Rockwood, Connie Teplitsky and her fiancé David Shibatani of Toronto, loving Opa to Jamie, Alex, Noah, Amy and Jenny. Fondly remembered by Ross, Norman, Glen and their families. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Monday, January 7, 2013 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service in the chapel at 1:00 pm. Interment to follow at Riverside Cemetery, Lindsay. Memorial Donations to the Minden Bible Church or to the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation would be appreciated. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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December 16 euchre at 6 Parkside, Minden: Bev Johnson won for high hands, Sherin Brown for lone hands, Nick Boekestyn for low hands and Maria Tschida for the special prize.

December 21 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Bev Johnson won for high hands, Kevin Maloney for lone hands, Doreen Francis for low hands and Nick Boekestyn for the special prize.

December 21 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Top marks went to Judy Neimann and Mary Johnson at 60 percent and Reet Murray partnered with Ross Fletcher 58 percent.

December 22 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Sharron Atkinson 257, our reporter Sherin Brown 254 and Margaret Fletcher 247. First representing the gents at 265 was Karen Chapman then Ida Young 263 and Pat Bailey 251. Ida Young also won the special prize while Tom Grix took the single moonshot.

December 23 euchre at 6 Parkside, Minden: Our reporter Arthur Forbes won for high hands, Murray Daniels for lone hands, Carol Berbyshire for low hands and Doreen Francis for the special prize.

December 27 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: First for the ladies at 290 was our reporter Bev Johnson followed by Muriel McIntosh 264, Pat Roussel 259 and Pearl Cowen 227. Topping the charts for the gents at 289 was Doug McIntosh then Karen Chapman 261, Marcel Roussel 252 and Jesse Barlow 247. Yvette Ezard won the major draw prize with Pat Bailey, Karin Harrison and Jesse Barlow claiming the others while Ida Young, Pearl Cowen, Marcel Roussel and Marcy Morgan captured the moonshots.

December 28 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was Sherin Brown, for low hands Pearl Cowen and for both lone hands and the special prize Bev Johnson. Thanks to Shirley Howe for this news.

December 28 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Leading were Reet Murray and Ross Fletcher at 66 percent and Rob Eaton teamed with our interim reporter Muriel McIntosh 56 percent.

December 29 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden:

Leading ladies were Dorothy McElwain 267, Jamie 261, Karin Harrison 248 and Vi Howell 245. First for the gents at 265 was Jesse Barlow followed by Albert Foster 261, John Deak 255 and Pat Bailey 226. John Deak also claimed the special prize while Pat Bailey and Marcel Roussel took the moonshots. Thanks to Sherin Brown for this news.

December 30 euchre at 6 Parkside, Minden: Albert Foster won for both high hands and the special prize, Pearl Cowen for lone hands and our reporter Arthur Forbes for low hands.

January 2 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: First were Helen Baker and Muriel McIntosh at 59 percent then Irena and Alek Zworski with 57 percent.

January 3 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Pearl Cowen and Anne Manning with Joan Mann and Barry Butler posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Sharron Atkinson and John Deak while Tom Grix [2] and Bob Pollard along with Jim and our reporter May Bradbury took home the other prizes.

January 3 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Bev Johnson reports that the leading ladies were Theresa Deak 274, Pat Roussel 273, Karin Harrison 252 and Margaret Fletcher 243. With an impressive 388 Marcel Roussel topped the scoring for the gents followed by Doug McIntosh 256, Ron Morrison 239 and Ida Young 231. Pat Bailey won the major draw with Thersa Deak, Dwaine Lloyd and June Branning claiming the smaller prizes. Seven moonshots landed on Marcel Roussel, Betty Wagar, Dwaine Lloyd, Pat Roussel, Kevin Maloney, Theresa Deak and Doug McIntosh.

January 4 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was Kevin Maloney, for lone hands Sherin Brown, for low hands Murray Daniels and for the special prize Bev Johnson. Thanks to Shirley Howe for this update.

January 5 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Tied for top spot for the ladies at 281 were Pearl Cowen and Phyllis Windsor followed by Emily Harvie 266 and Bev Johnson 258. Leading the gents at 276 was Tom Grix then Karen Chapman 270, Archie Ross 257 and Dwaine Lloyd 245. Vi Howell took home the special prize while Bev Johnson had a single moonshot with doubles going to Marcel Roussel and Tom Grix. This news comes from our

reporter Sherin Brown.

January 6 euchre at 6 Parkside, Minden: Arthur Forbes reports that winning for high hands was Sherin Brown, for lone hands Albert Foster, for low hands Nick Boekestyn and for the special prize Jayne Cooper.

January 7 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top three players were Marcel Roussel 317, Frank Franzen 299 and Pat Roussel 291. Emily Harvie won the draw and also had a moonshot along with Vic Ballik, Pauline Franzen and Marcel Roussel. Thanks to Rose Isaacson for this update.

January 7 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Margaret Fletcher and Marion Stickwood with Shirley Jones and Kay Godden posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Betty Sharpe while Lillian Mann took home the special prize.

January 7 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: From Doreen French comes the news that Nick Boekestyn won for high hands, Arthur Forbes for lone hands and Doreen Francis for both low hands and the special prize.

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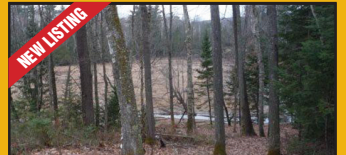
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- Super location, minutes to town
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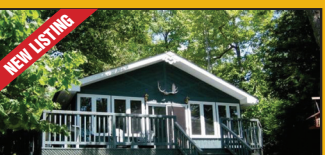
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- 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 baths built in 2004
- Open concept, large oak kitchen
- Lg yard backing onto 35 acres of crown land
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- Large open concept 4 season cottage
- Level well treed lot with sunset views
- Double garage with loft
- Fireplace, large deck with 2 w/o's

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- 4300 Sq ft. executive home 3 Km from Minden.
- 96 acres with waterfront access to Bat Lake.
- Barn, Sugar Shack, Chicken coop, Wood shed.
- Total privacy; ATV trails, canoeing and fishing.

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- 3 bdr home on level lot
- 2 car garage
- Full partial finished basement
- Great location

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- New Napoleon propane fireplace.
- New septic 2011. New drilled well 2012.
- Lovely corner lot. Excellent location.

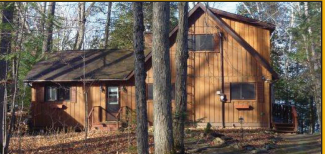
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- 2 bdrm bung. + den, new furnace
- 1.5 car garage, 2 sheds sitting on lrg lot
- On the water without the taxes
- Great sandy beach area, 5 mins. to W. Guilford

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- Sunset exposure, sandy shoreline
- Wonderful 5 lake chain

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- Great building lots
- Rural setting
- Close to Village of Haliburton
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- Level lot with over an acre of land
- Close to both Minden & Haliburton
- Great fix-it-up opportunity!

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- Partial Basement with Furnace
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Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32



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- Separate garage, and level lot
- 2 large bedrooms, 2 baths
- Newer appliances and several recent upgrades.

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



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- 60' of frontage on a small, quiet lake
- Easy year-round access, close to amenities
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- 4+1 Bedrooms, 2 baths, full walkout bsmt
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